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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Instructions have been issued that such notifications and withdrawals should be kept down to the minimum, and should be used only to make alternative proposals."

SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government have noticed the fact that many owners of land are taking to digging and other methods to make it useless for house-sites? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government are not aware of it, Sir."

Leave rules for the elementary school teachers.

* 266 *Q.*—SRI K. SUBBA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state why the Government do not apply the leave rules of 1933 to all the elementary school teachers?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of revising the existing leave rules is a general one applicable to all classes of servants under Government as well as local bodies, involving heavy additional expenditure to Government. The question of extending leave rules to all elementary school teachers also involves heavy expenditure. In the present financial position it will not be possible for the Government to consider this question."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—" ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఇప్పుడైనా ఉపాధ్యాయులందరకు leave rules వర్తించేలా చూస్తారా ? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter will be considered."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is there no discrimination in the application of the rules between the elementary school teachers and non-elementary school teachers? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no discrimination so far as the services are concerned."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, however slender the finances of the Government may be, is it not invidious distinction which the Government show between elementary school teachers and the other teachers employed by Government? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The reference is to the difference between elementary school teachers employed in local boards and those employed in aided schools."

North Mappilla Elementary School, Mattool, North Malabar.

* 267 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to raise North Mappilla Elementary School, Mattool, North Malabar, into a Higher Elementary School?

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No such proposal is at present under the consideration of the Government."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that this particular place is a predominantly Muslim area and if the school is not raised into a Higher Elementary School, the Muslim girls will be denied the opportunity of higher elementary education, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire into the matter and take necessary steps?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

Midday meals in schools.

* 270 Q.—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the action taken on the proposals sent by the Member of the Legislative Assembly from Hindupur, some time back that midday meals should be supplied to Scheduled Caste boys studying in various schools in Rayalaseema?

THE HON DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No such proposal has been received by Government.

The scheme of supplying midday meals is at present confined only to the Harijan Welfare schools run by Government. The scheme could not be extended to other schools now on account of the heavy cost and the present financial stringency."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, I have personally submitted a proposal of that sort to the Hon. Minister even in the beginning of last year. Will the Government consider implementing my proposal for supplying midday meal at least for the duration of the famine period in view of the fact that these poor Scheduled Caste people are unable to send their children to schools for lack of food and on account of serious famine conditions prevailing in that area? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the matter will be considered taking into account the financial condition of the Government."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—"Sir, if the financial condition of the Government improves, will the Government consider the question of supplying midday meals to all Harijan students throughout the State? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, if the financial condition improves we will consider the question of supplying midday meals to all poor children throughout the State."

Representations from Sree Venkateswara Vilas Pustaka Bhandagaram, Yellamanchili taluk.

* 274 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state— 8-40 a.m.

(a) whether it is a fact that several requests were made to the Government by the authorities of the Sree Venkateswara Vilas